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**MINUTES**

Monday, August 22, 2005 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Sandra Aronberg  
Douglas Drummond  
Timothy Jones

**STAFF PRESENT**

Peter Papadakis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2005 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Drummond, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the July 14, 2005 minutes.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported the June 30, 2005 account balance of \$77,198.78 does not reflect the outstanding encumbrance amount of \$2,500.00; the actual fund balance is \$74,698.78

**On motion of Vice-Chairperson Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Drummond, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing the financial report.**

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- Chairperson Hybarger acknowledged receipt of a thank you letter from County Supervisor Yvonne Burke's Office regarding the Commission's cooperation and participation over the years with the Second District's fishing events.
- Jean Wade Evans will replace former Supervisor Gene Zimmerman in San Bernardino Forest. Also, funding regarding restoration program for Forest Services is in the bid process.
- Chairperson Hybarger cited a recent magazine article titled "Point of no Return" which revealed the steady decline of fisheries/resources.
- Chairperson Hybarger suggested advance calendaring of fishing events to elude unexpected grant fund requests and advised the Commission to consider receiving grant applications by December 2005 for 2006 events.

- Commissioners Aronberg, Jones and Drummond commented on recent fishing trips/events.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BUDGET REVIEW AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Aronberg stated it would be beneficial to have knowledge of funds spent for each program on a yearly basis.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DFG FOR PUBLIC INPUT PERTAINING TO HATCHERY SUPPLY AND STOCKING ALLOCATIONS**

Chairperson Hybarger instructed the Commission to send comments to the Department of Fish and Game by August 31, 2005. Department of Fish and Game and Cal Trout agreed to support Urban Fisheries and Programs, however, further reduction of existing dollars and cutting of programs will create negative repercussions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRANT REQUEST FROM THE BELVEDERE PARK LAKE YOUTH FISHING CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 TO PURCHASE CATFISH FOR THE BELVEDERE PARK LAKE FAMILY FISHING DERBY EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2005**

David T. Kraft provided an overview of the Belvedere Park Lake Family Fishing Derby event for September 24, 2005. Mr. Kraft reported the Department of Fish and Game is unable to assist, since La Mirada and Hollenbeck lakes are holding events on the same day. Since the allotment of fish is uncertain, Mr. Kraft requested the need of grant funds to purchase additional fish.

The Commission suggested possibly shaving the fish allotment on/after the event to makeup the difference. Chairperson Hybarger reported the Federal Program pays for catfish and personnel but not for trout or hatcheries, which are funded by the State.

Mr. Gary Liebsack, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the goal is to provide all the participants a pleasant and educational fishing experience. Vice-Chairperson Aronberg suggested placing the event on the calendar for next year in advance thereby avoiding the possibility of last minute funding issues. In response to Commissioner Jones, Mr. Liebsack reported the Department of Parks and Recreation will supply fishing poles for this event. Chairperson Hybarger asked if the Department of Parks and Recreation regularly stocks Belvedere Park Lake with fish. Mr. Liebsack reported the Department provides a monthly stocking of 125 lbs. of fish.

**On motion of Vice-Chairperson Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Drummond the Commission unanimously approved the grant request for \$3,000 to purchase fish for the Belvedere Park Lake Family Fishing Derby Event to be held on September 24, 2005.**

**GRANT REQUEST FOR THE GAME BIRD HERITAGE PROGRAM SPECIAL  
PHEASANT HUNT EVENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,336 FOR FISCAL YEARS  
2005-2006**

Scott Sewell, California State Department of Fish and Game, requested grant consideration in the amount of \$6,336 for the Game Bird Heritage Program's Special Pheasant Hunts for Fiscal Years 2005-06.

Commissioner Drummond asked if the Department of Fish and Game budget has decreased since the inception of the program. Mr. Sewell reported a \$25,000 expenditure was approved for the program eight years ago, however, the number of applicants have increased while funding has remained the same. Commissioner Jones inquired if the program can evolve to a self-sustaining funding level. Mr. Sewell anticipates the program will be self sustainable within 2 years. Commissioner Jones reported the growing number of applicants should increase additional currency for the program. Mr. Sewell reported the number of hunting events remains unchanged and the program is operating with the same number of staff members.

Mr. Sewell reported the National Rifle Association (NRA), and other non-profit organizations donated hats, t-shirts, etc. to the program. Vice-Chairperson Aronberg asked if gun companies contribute donations. Mr. Sewell stated he was advised to not solicit funds from gun companies; however, the NRA has donated \$5,000 towards this year's event.

Chairperson Hybarger reported the program is a well run operation and safety procedures were emphasized. Further, hunting activities are limited in L.A. County and should be supported and considered by the Commission.

Chairperson Hybarger recommended the new Wildlife Habitat Supervisor should consider soliciting funds from other resources. In response to Commissioner Jones, Mr. Sewell advised 25 staff persons work on hunt days (2-3 Departmental staff and 20 plus volunteers and helpers). Commissioner Jones asked for an estimated time line for hiring a new supervisor. Mr. Sewell advised discussions with senior staff are planned, and anticipates a hiring date by the middle of September 2005.

**On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Drummond, the Commission unanimously approved the grant request for \$6,336 to be awarded to The Game Bird Heritage Program Special Pheasant Hunt Events for Fiscal Years 2005-2006.**

**Matters not Posted (To be Briefly Discussed and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

